



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Office of Research and Development
National Center for Environmental Assessment

Mercury Postdoctoral Research Position

The National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within the U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD) seeks immediate applications for a postdoctoral research position to be focused on assessing the ecological effects of mercury in the environment.

NCEA is seeking a person with a strong background in ecology and wildlife toxicology or physiology to become part of an interdisciplinary team of researchers focusing on assessing the effects of mercury on ecological resources and services. The successful candidate will integrate with and build upon NCEA's ongoing mercury studies including: 1) developing a comprehensive assessment report of the known toxicokinetics/toxicodynamics of mercury exposure in avian species; 2) determining the impacts of mercury exposure on post-fledged birds; 3) assessing the effects of mercury exposure on kestrels. Opportunities exist to expand NCEA's focus on avian fauna to other taxonomic groups.

NCEA serves as the USEPA national resource center for human health and ecological risk assessment and occupies a critical position between laboratory/field researchers and environmental decision-makers. Our research efforts are focused on producing state-of-the-science health and ecological risk assessments of national significance and providing guidance, training and support to environmental risk assessors. NCEA's non-laboratory, postdoctoral research positions are ideal for scientists interested in the conducting ecological risk assessments to support development of environmental science policies and risk management approaches.

The postdoctoral position is a **three-year**, federal government, term appointment located in Washington, DC. The current salary range is approximately \$46,000 to \$72,000 commensurate with qualifications and experience. Selected candidates receive a full benefits package, including health insurance, life insurance, retirement, and vacation and sick leave. Candidates must have earned a Ph.D. within the past five years and must be U.S. citizens.

To apply for NCEA post-doctoral positions, please send a letter of interest outlining your research focus, a curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to: Dr. Jeffrey B. Frithsen, National Center for Environmental Assessment (8601D), ATTN: NCEA Post-Doctoral Positions, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20460. Applications will be received and evaluated on an ongoing basis.

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